

Library Services and Technology Act
Fiscal Year 2007
COMPETITIVE GRANT FUNDING AREAS

A. Funding Area: Collaboration and Partnership

Minimum Grant Award: \$5,000

Required Local Cash Match: 20%

This funding area is intended to assist Michigan libraries in pioneering innovative services with collaborative partners and in sharing the knowledge learned from partnerships with other libraries or community groups. Grants may be awarded to meet the increased demand for information and library services through new programs or technologies. Grants may also be awarded to improve services to target populations, such as people from diverse geographic, cultural, and socioeconomic backgrounds; individuals with disabilities; and individuals with limited functional literacy, limited English proficiency or limited information skills.

The goals of this funding area are to foster partnerships among various types of libraries and/or non-library agencies and to improve services through information and resource sharing. Grant applications must include a partnership that consists of at least one LSTA eligible library and one or more academic, public, school, special or institutional library or non-library agency.

Examples of possible projects include:

- Community technology training programs;
- Community literacy programs;
- Digitization projects that build on existing partnerships or initiatives and can be made available statewide via MeL;
- Programs or services that enhance library and museum partnerships to improve cultural tourism;
- Development of library services for and outreach to small, local businesses and to the economic development community;
- Development of library programming and resources in partnership with institutions that provide services to underserved populations;
- Programs that provide a means to enhance lifelong learning and to encourage English proficiency among adults who speak a language other than English;
- Programs to provide job and career counseling and resources, resume preparation, and other employment related services to unemployed and underemployed persons, including persons who are/were incarcerated;
- Technology projects that improve library services on a regional basis.

Requests to fund general library operations, such as collection development or equipment replacement, will not be granted. The required Local Cash Match must be in cash from any source other than LSTA. In-kind contributions do not qualify as a Cash Match.

B. Funding Area: Engaging Youth
Minimum Grant Award: \$5,000
Required Local Cash Match: 20%

This funding area is intended to assist Michigan libraries in helping youth to succeed in school and life by improving opportunities for them to learn and belong within the community. The goal of this funding area is to strengthen families and communities children grow up in and to connect young people to information and ideas and stimulate learning for life. Grants that involve family, schools and community partners will be viewed favorably.

Examples of possible youth oriented projects include:

- After-school programs;
- Family literacy programs;
- Community intergenerational programs, including tutoring or mentoring programs;
- Information literacy skills programs;
- Global and cultural awareness programs;
- Programs connecting the local community with history, arts and culture.

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For further information on the Library Services and Technology Act FY 2007 Competitive Grant program, please contact Karren Reish, Library Grants Coordinator, at kreish@michigan.gov or (517) 241-0021

Electronic versions of the FY 2007 LSTA Grant Program Handbook and application are available at <http://www.michigan.gov/lsta>